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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 16-18, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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Fig. 1(a) is a schematic illustration of a wall cross-section of a filter carrying the catalysts of the invention.

Page 4, lines 19-21, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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Fig. 1(b) is a schematic illustration of a cross-section of a filter carrying the catalysts of the invention.

Page 6, lines 26-28, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

B³
The particulate matter filter may be, for example cordierite wall-flow type filter, and an embodiment of a filter using the catalyst of the invention is shown in Fig. 1. The wall-flow type filter is, for example, one of any two neighboring spaces is closed by a plug on the